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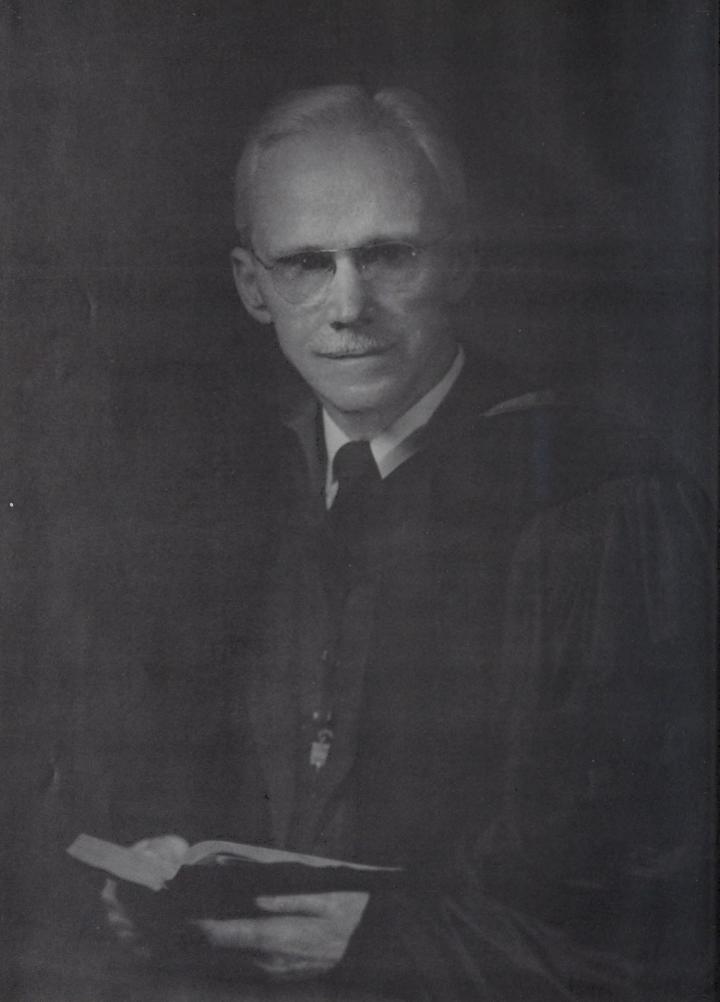
# **GRACE** 1967

# GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Winona Lake, Indiana

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## Dedication

In the thirtieth year of its existence, Grace Seminary gratefully remembers the inestimable contribution of its first great teacher and administrator, Dr. Alva J. McClain. As president and professor of theology from its founding until his retirement in 1962, and since then as president emeritus, Dr. McClain has labored by precept and example, by encouragement and prayer, to build this institution upon the sure foundation of full commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and uncompromising loyalty to God's written Word.

Only eternity can reveal the true measure of his contribution, through a rich and varied ministry, to the growth of the Body of Christ. Even the vision of it allowed to us now, however, obliges us to turn in praise to God for the working of His grace in and through the life of this "good and faithful servant."





McClain Hall, 1952

# History

The foundation ... let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—I Corinthians 3:10-11



#### Thirty Years

Two circumstances unite to make the publication of the GRACE 1967 an appropriate occasion for rehearsing briefly the blessing and providence of God in the sustenance and growth of Grace Theological Seminary. First, the year 1967 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the organizing of the school. Second, this year's annual is the first dealing with Grace Seminary separately from Grace College to be published since the collegiate division was begun in 1948.

The Seminary has been supported throughout its existence especially by the prayers and sacrifice of Brethren people, and therefore it seems fitting that it originated in a prayer meeting in the home of Rev. J. C. Beal, a Brethren pastor, in the summer of 1937, and began its operation the following October 4 in facilities provided by the Ellet Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio, Two fulltime faculty members and thirty-nine students participated in that beginning. The faculty members were Dr. Alva J. McClain, as president and professor of Christian theology and apologetics, and Professor Herman A. Hoyt, as professor of New Testament and Greek. They received considerable part-time assistance in other teaching fields such as Old Testament, practical theology, and church history, especially from Professor Homer A. Kent, Sr., who was to join the full-time faculty in the autumn of 1940.

Soon the school received from Dr. W. E. Biederwolf a heartfelt invitation to relocate at Winona Lake, Indiana. As president of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly, Dr. Biederwolf believed that such a move would by mutually advantageous, since the Brethren Church had been meeting in annual conference at Winona Lake for more than fifty years, and since the northern Indiana area could be expected to benefit much from the presence of this conservative institution of theological education. The Free Methodist Publishing House arranged to lease the upper story of its building to the Seminary. Thus after two school years in Akron, Grace Seminary began the fall term of 1939 in these new surroundings. The quarters in the Free Methodist Building brought with them the fortunate opportunity to use the library of the



The Faculty, 1947-48. Front Row: Homer A. Kent, Alva J. McClain, Herman A. Hoyt. Back Row: Paul R. Bauman, Harry Sturz, Robert D. Culver.

Winona Lake School of Theology, which used the same facilities during the summers.

The student enrollment in the years following the transfer to Winona Lake rose continuously, as the following figures indicate: 1940, thirty-seven; 1942, fifty-four; 1944, sixty-nine; 1948, eighty-five; 1949, ninety-nine; 1950, 144. In addition to this increase, in 1948 a two-year collegiate division was added, to prepare students with no college training for entrance into a Bachelor of Theology program in the Seminary. By 1950 there were fifty students enrolled in the collegiate division, bringing the total number of students at Grace that year to 194.

During its first ten years, the seminary's faculty was considerably augmented. Professor Homer A. Kent, Sr. became full time in church history and Old Testament in 1940. In the following years others, including John M. Aeby, Harry Sturz, and Robert D. Culver, served for various periods as full-time instructors in their respective fields of competence. Mr. Aeby taught Christian theology during several terms when Dr. McClain was prevented by illness from fulfilling his academic responsibilities. Mr. Sturz served as seminary librarian and instructor in New Testament Greek for two years before answering the call time to a full-time pastoral ministry. Professor Culver was in charge of Old Testament and Hebrew from 1945 to 1951.

During the years of Dr. McClain's illness in the early 1940's Professor Hoyt assumed the president's administrative duties, and one year after joining the faculty as professor of homiletics and apologetics in 1947, Dr. Paul R. Bauman became executive vice-president. In the same year Dr. Hoyt was made dean, and in 1951 Dr. Bauman gave up all teaching responsibilities to become

full-time Director of Public Relations for the Seminary, a post he retained until 1962.

Already in 1945 the Board of Trustees had begun to plan a building to provide a permanent home for the school. The projected size of the building was expanded several times as the attendance of the Seminary (and later of the collegiate division) rose rapidly. The structure as finally completed in 1951 is designed to serve four hundred students, and is located on a campus which now comprises sixty acres at the east edge of Winona Lake.

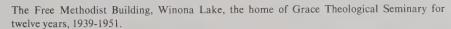
This new building was dedicated on August 30, 1951, and the service was highlighted especially by the presence of Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer. This was virtually Dr. Chafer's last public appearance prior to his home-going almost exactly one year later, and he brought warm greetings and congratulations from his own institution, Dallas Theological Seminary.

During the early 1950's Grace Seminary experienced two other major additions. One was the expansion of the collegiate division into Grace College, a four-year liberal arts Christian college, and the other was the emergence of several new, young seminary faculty members whose contributions were to prove valuable and permanent.

In 1953 a third year was added to the collegiate division program, and in 1954 a fourth year brought Grace College into reality. This is not the place to recount the history of the College, but a few remarks on its relationship to the Seminary will be of value. In the first instance, the chief motive in the establishment of the College was to pro-

vide a place where preseminary students might receive an adequate liberal arts preparation for theological studies, a preparation received in a Christian framework and with an emphasis conducive to channeling men and women into full-time ministry in the Brethren Church. This purpose has indeed come to fruition through Grace College. Already dozens of men and women have studied in both Grace College and Grace Seminary and gone forth into the pastoral or missionary ministries of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. In addition, of course, the College's simultaneous development in close proximity with the Seminary in subsequent years has contributed immeasurably, in untold ways, to the richness and depth of the Seminary's own experience.

Among the younger teachers who joined the faculty in the early 1950's, ultimately to remain for a lengthy ministry, were Homer A. Kent, Jr., specializing in New Testament and Greek, James L. Boyer, also concentrating in New Testament and Greek, S. Herbert Bess, teaching Hebrew and later other Semitic languages and Biblical archaeology, and John C. Whitcomb, Jr., specializing in Old Testament and later in apologetics. These men, with widely varying backgrounds of academic training and experience, each had much to contribute to the deepening and broadening of the Seminary's curriculum. Similarly, Donald Ogden, who was subsequently to contribute so much to the musical life and ministry of both Seminary and College, appeared at this time as a teacher with great promise.





The curriculum was not only becoming more comprehensive. It was bound to become tougher. As the school entered its third decade the Th.B. (Bachelor of Theology) program, which had required only two years of college preparation, was "phased out." This tightening of entrance requirements led to a temporary decline in enrollment, but as the school advanced into the 1960's, it could look forward to a rapid rise in qualified applicants.

On March 5, 1962, Dr. McClain requested retirement to take effect on August 31, 1962. This request was complied with, and thus Dr. McClain brought to a close twenty-five years of dedicated teaching and leadership. In his honor the seminary building erected in 1951 was named "McClain Hall."

In the wake of Dr. McClain's resignation, Dr. Herman Hoyt, who had been serving as dean of both College and Seminary, was chosen president, and separate deans were appointed for the two schools, Homer Kent, Jr. for the Seminary and E. William Male for the College.

The past five years have witnessed many advances in the seminary program. In 1963, Professor Paul Fink joined the faculty to develop the fields of homiletics, practical theology, and Christian education. Professor Fink has been able to make significant strides in these departments. The alumni association was encouraged to contribute to the equipping of the homiletics department, and now top-quality tape-recorders are available to students for sermon-recording and sermon-listening. In 1967 the seminary student body has chosen for its fund-raising project a fifteen-hundred dollar video-tape system for recording and studying film-tapes of practice sermons.

Other innovations in recent years have been full and definite Christian service requirements for all students, an annual Christian education conference presented by students for area pastors and Sunday school workers, a pastor's conference in which successful pastors present insights and methods to the seminarians, and a Palestinian archaeological field program for selected postgraduate students. This last development perhaps owes most to Professor John Davis, who joined

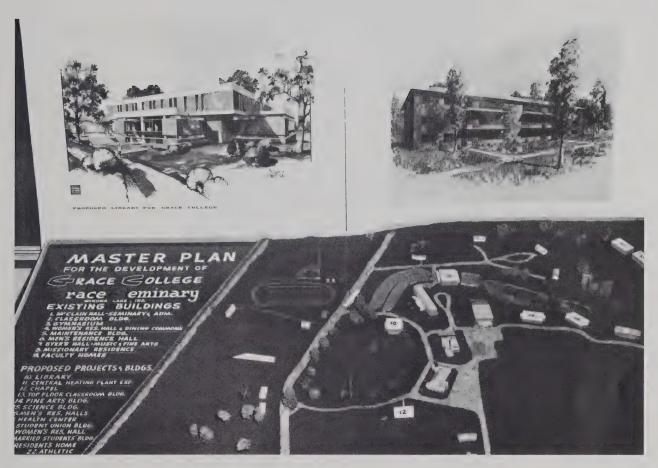
the faculty of Old Testament and Hebrew in 1965.

For some years the World Missions Fellowship in both the College and Seminary has sponsored a week-long Fall Missionary Conference, presenting to both student bodies leading missionary spokesmen from around the world. In more recent years the Seminary has seen its curriculum strengthened by Professor Paul Dowdy, who has added several helpful courses in missionary theory and practice.

On the side of the physical plant, most of the building on the Grace campus in recent years has been in connection with the expansion of the College. The new library, to be completed in 1967, will be of tremendous benefit to the Seminary. The upper floor will be reserved almost exclusively for seminary use.

The impact of the Seminary on the evangelical Christian world. As of June, 1966, almost eight hundred alumni have passed from its halls into far-flung positions of service. Well over one hundred of these men and women are currently serving in the cause of foreign missions. Many are teaching in theological seminaries, colleges, and Bible institutes in America and abroad. The total number of pulpits which have felt the influence of men molded by training at Grace is impossible to estimate.

Briefly reciting the history of Grace Theological Seminary can convey only the vaguest impression of what kind of a school it really is, of what atmosphere and attitude actually prevails within its halls and classrooms. As an institution whose chief purpose is the training of men and women for ministries within the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, but whose doors are open to qualified men of evangelical Christian convictions, regardless of denomination, Grace provides openness of discussion along with a positive presentation of Brethren distinctive beliefs and practices. Most importantly, Grace Theological Seminary continues to be known throughout the world as a school where Biblical orthodoxy, careful scholarship, and victorious Christian living are not divorced from one another. May it be so until Jesus comes again!



This is a part of the Master Plan for the development of the Grace schools. McClain Hall (1) and the new library (10) are at the front of the campus.



Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., Vice-President



Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., Dean



## Administration

The LORD builds the house, they labour ...

—Psalm 127:1



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Dwight Stair, Glenn Messner, Robert Collitt, Glen O'Neal, Thomas Inman, O. E. Hacker, Richard DeArmey, Orville Jobson, Bernard Schneider.

## Department of Development



Thomas Hammers and Richard Messner.

Director of Development Richard Messner, assisted by Thomas Hammers and Terry White, leads in the program of expansion currently in progress at Grace Seminary and College. Publicity, church and community relations, recruitment of students, fund-raising—all these and more come under the purview of this active and resourceful team.

#### The Library



Mabel and Benjamin Hamilton, librarians.

Ground-breaking for the new Grace library and learning center took place in the autumn of 1966, and construction began in earnest with the spring thaw. Projected as a \$650,000 facility, its topmost of three levels will be almost exclusively reserved for seminary use.

Students and faculty alike look forward keenly to the increased research and study potential which the library will offer. Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton, librarians, share this anticipation, of course, but first must shoulder the responsibility of preparing for and in due time executing the transfer from the present location in McClain Hall.



Seminary reading room provides a (usually) quiet atmosphere for study or meditation.



## Financial Officers

Seated: Miss Joyce Ashman, Mrs. Willie Willson. Standing: John Demas, John Lapp.



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Seated: Mrs. Lucy Hall, Mrs. Dalene Frank, Mrs. Joan Hinks. Standing: Mrs. Norma Buhler, Mrs. Betty Vulgamore, Mrs. Agnes Derr, Mrs. Judy Ostrander, Mrs. Dorothy Lockwood.

# Maintenance and Construction

Glenn Stauffer, Tom Stephens, Bert Jordan, Max Fluke, Harold Witzky, Joe Vandermolen.



# Faculty

Faithful men, ... able to teach others also. —II Timothy 2:2



#### Systematic Theology



Dr. Hoyt has a full schedule—fuller than most men could stand, and he combines the presidency's administrative duties with classroom teaching and frequent Bible conference engagements.



#### Church History



The inspiring and edifying saga of the historical progress of the Christian Church is Dr. Kent Sr.'s prime subject-matter, but he also instructs in denominational history and in pastoring the local church.



#### New Testament and Greek



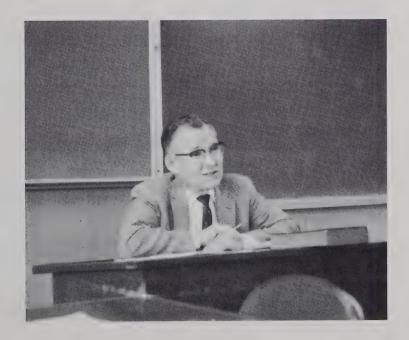
Dr. Home Kent Jr.'s New Testament courses, both in English Bible and Greek exegesis, are known for their careful organization and comprehensiveness. Unfortunately for some students, so are his examinations!



#### New Testament and Greek



Practicality is the motif running through Dr. Boyer's rich courses, an emphasis deriving in part from many years of pastoral experience. Transfers from other schools pronounce this often lacking elsewhere.



#### Old Testament and Theology



Nation-wide speaking opportunities combine with Old Testament, apologetics, and theology courses to make Dr. John Witcomb one of the busiest men anywhere. Strangely (or not so strangely) he is also one of the most productive.



#### Old Testament and Hebrew



Dr. S. Herbert Bess continues to be known for his quiet, gracious manner and careful scholarship. The Old Testament is never so real as when it stimulates this reflective man to laughter or to anger.



#### Old Testament and Hebrew



The teaching of Professor John Davis is quick and competent, and this applies to both his beginning Hebrew course and his Old Testament content courses. He conveys a lot in a short time, and tests on all of it!



#### Practical Theology



In addition to homiletics and pastoral methods, Professor Paul Fink's responsibilities include direction of the Christian Education department and courses in Greek grammar and hermeneutics. Versatility is his forte.



#### Missions



Drawing from years of experience on the Argentine field and from formal training in mission-related subjects, Professor J. Paul Dowdy instructs students in the principles and problems of missionary work.



#### Church Music



Professor Donald Ogden's approach to church music is an edifying compound of uncompromising concern for taste and quality with warm devotional insight into the value of individual hymns.



## Classes

Study to show thyself approved.

—II Timothy 2:15



#### Seniors



Seated: Renick, Moeller. Standing: Hall, Goertzen, Pacheco, Jensen.

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Eloy Pacheco Treasurer

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Rich Jensen Social Chairman

This year the senior class was unusually small, and the number of graduating seniors unusually smaller. Among the explanations offered for this was the coincidence of higher costs of living and a tougher curriculum, forcing many to carry reduced study-loads. But then the class was small to begin with.

In any case, though small, the class had several "firsts". They were the first class privileged to preach their "middler sermon" in their senior year. Their senior year was the year of the first

"post-exam blast" (a rose which might conceivably smell sweeter under a slightly different name), but not the last, we trust. It was the year the seminary's soccer team defeated Grace College's for the first time.

It was also a year of marked growth for the seminary, of an influx of foreign students to bless us with their fellowship, of an unusually powerful missionary conference. All in all, it was a very good year to remember.



Donald C. Apperson, M.R.E. Washington Bible College Baptist

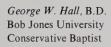
Dennis Beach, B.D. Grace College Brethren

Don G. Farner, B.D. Grace College Brethren



Timothy Farner, B.D. Grace College

Rodney Goertzen, B.D. Grace Bible Institute Independent



Richard S. Jensen, B.D. Grace College Brethren

Ronald H. Jones, B.D. Virginia Bible College

John R. Mayer, B.D.
Wheaton College
Independent

Baptist



David D. McGown, B.D. Washington Bible College Independent Baptist

John Methuselah, M.R.E. University of Nebraska Baptist







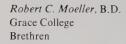












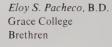






Joseph E. Mogle, M.R.E. Grace College Regular Baptist

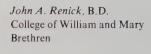
Paul D. Morris, B.D. Bob Jones University Brethren



Kwang Ja Park, M.R.E. Southeastern Bible College Presbyterian







Lila M. Sheely, M.R.E. Grace College Brethren



John Shypulefski, M.R.E.
Philadelphia College of Bible
Independent Fundamental Churches
of America

#### Middlers

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Dave Barnhart Social Chairman



Seated: Hile, Beaver. Standing: Hoffeditz, Fay, Dunning, Barnhart.

What does it mean to be a middler? It means Hebrew exegesis, Dr. Hoyt for theology and denominational beliefs, the Genesis Flood versus the Gap, "John problems," real grammatical analysis (the Junior experience was purely anticipatory,

they find), Van Til versus Carnell, Dr. Barnard's machine-gun presentation of Brethren missions, and of course a plentitude of other new thoughts and experiences. But mostly, it is a sense of "pressing forward."

Dwight P. Baker David L. Barnhart Dean D. Beaver

Jerry M. Browning Laverne R. Busenitz Mahlon Carver





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Robert Bruce Paden Ardis D. Parlin Alton E. Perron

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Marlin E. Savidge James D. Stevens Otis Stone

## Juniors

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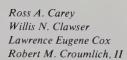
Seated: Peifer, Harton. Standing: Kurut, Mensinger, Smith.

Numerous, diverse in background, but high in quality were the Juniors this year. From around the world, from a startling variety of denominations, through sundry leadings of the Lord, they gathered to study the Word of God at Grace. Hebrew, Homiletics I, Daniel—we salute the Juniors for enduring these and others, their baptism of fire.

Walter Allen



Donald E. Baer Mark E. Beech Max E. Benson Thomas Bump







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E. Joe Kinuthia Lindow L. Koop Devapriyam B. Kurut Evelyn Kurut

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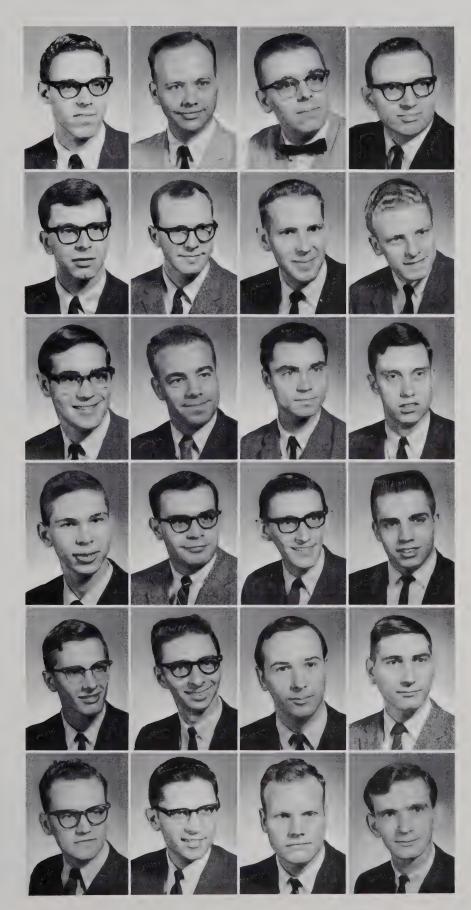
Richard R. Pauley Jerry L. Peifer James L. Poyner Gilbert Pugh

William F. Rice Dennis R. Rockwell Harley Rollins, Jr. Terrence E. Rudd

John E. Schleh Jerry Schneider David E. Shaffer Donald P. Shoemaker

David W. Smith Richard Smith, Jr. Thomas W. Smith Ronald J. Sordelet

Robert M. Spicer Roy Taylor Duane C. Thompson Richard C. Woodring



#### Post-graduates



Standing: Merlin Berkey, Paul Tan, John Lawlor, Bob Ibach, Al Buhler, Rolland McCune, Director of Post-graduate Studies, John C. Whitcomb, Howard Dial, Chako Joseph. Seated: Bob Domokos, Jim Miller, Larry Pote.

Under the capable generalship of Dr. Whitcomb, the Post-Graduate Division brings together students pursuing work toward the Master's or Doctor's degree. In the fall semester the seminar

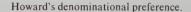
topic was the Inter-testamental period, and terms like "Qumran" and "hellenistic" were tossed freely about. In the spring, attention turned to Hermeneutics, a focus of controversy.

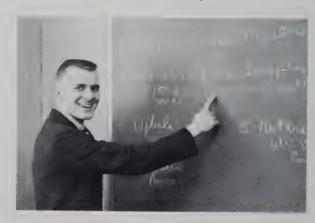


Vern Chovan



Dick Woodworth





## Organizations and Activities

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.—Ecclesiastes 9:10



#### Student Council



Seated: Browning, McKay, Renick. Standing: Hile, Peifer, Morris, Farner, Peugh, Savidge.

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Lynn Hile Middler

Jerry Peifer Junior

## World Missions Fellowship

In 1967 fellow Princeton grads Bill Fay and Jim Montgomery represented the seminary as president and treasurer resectively of World Missions Fellowship, which unites seminary and college students in supporting world evangelization.

The WMF-sponsored fall missions conference saw a real moving of the Holy Spirit in the student body, perhaps especially through Art Larson's powerful testimony of testing and God's provision during the Stanleyville massacre in the Congo.



Jim Montgomery and Bill Fay.



One of the five continental prayer bands, upholding missionaries in Latin America.

#### Student Pastors



Front Row: Fasano, Baer, Rockwell, Moeller, Hall. Middle Row: Gregory, Browning, Pugh, Bump, Shoemaker. Back Row: Cox, Morris, Peugh, Fay, Benson, Sandy, Goertzen.

Having a pastorate while a student in seminary offers invaluable opportunities to practice concurrently what is being learned in the classroom, while at the same time helping to serve the surrounding communities. Seventeen of those who functioned in this capacity this year are seen at left.

### Seminary Women's Fellowship



Linda Shypulefski, *Treasurer*, Carolyn Goertzen, *Recording Secretary*, Lois Baker, *President-elect*, Arlene Friesen, *Corresponding Secretary*, Sandra Farner, *President*.

One group of carolers at a nursing home.

The Seminary Women's Fellowship provides a meeting-ground for wives of students and faculty, as well as for the ladies who are themselves students. This year the organization helped sponsor, in addition to their regular monthly meetings, an entertaining "post-exam blast" after mid-semester tests in the fall and a caroling party just prior to Christmas vacation. This year's officers are pictured at left.



### The Grace



Front Row: Jerry Peifer, John Renick, Willis Clawser. Back Row: Professor John Davis, Bob Croumlich.

In 1967 the Grace College annual became a publication separate from the Seminary's. Professor John Davis became faculty advisor to the GRACE, and John Renick assumed the responsibilities of editor. The task of shooting and delivering suitable photographs fell chiefly on John Mayer, photography editor, and Ardis Parlin acted as treasurer of the enterprise. Valuable advice and assistance was provided by Pat Riggan, editor of the College HERITAGE for 1967. Willis Clawser provided the thematic sketch of the prayer tower.



Freude!

Christmas comes but once a year.



# Insights

In pursuing wisdom, neglect not merriment.
—Hezekiah 4:13



## At the Retreat



Are you crazy? Volley-ball is for kids!



... real close, and then put the salt on his tail?



A sprinkling of bat's wool and a little more lizard's leg should do it.



Strikeout brings loss of face.



Would you believe gang-land czar incognito?



Identify the chef.

Oriental pep bloc.

Evangelist points out wicket gate to nonchalant Christian.



Sad bananas.





A weighty decision.



## Bypaths



Professor Fink's courses aren't all required!



Next time we'll ...

Almost too pretty to be real.



Those swings and seesaws can become downright fascinating.

